

ASFO NEPA DOCUMENT ROUTING SHEET

Number: **CX-AZ-110-2005-0063**

Project Title: ADOT Rockfall Project Temporary Use Permit **AZA-33255**

Project Lead: Laurie Ford

Date that concurrent, electronic distribution for review was initiated: August 22, 2005

Deadline for receipt of responses: September 12, 2005

Required Reviews:

Gloria Benson, Native American Coordinator
Tom Folks, Recreation
Laurie Ford, Lands/Realty/Minerals
Michael Herder, Wildlife
John Herron, Cultural
Lee Hughes, Plants
Ray Klein, GCPNM Supervisory Ranger
Linda Price, S&G
Bob Sandberg, Range
Richard Spotts, Environmental Coordinator
Ron Wadsworth, Supervisory Law Enforcement
Relevant Manager(s), Becky Hammond, Field Manager

Discretionary Reviews: None

(insert any additional specialist names/titles recommended by Project Lead, Manager(s), and/or Environmental Coordinator)

Scoping Meeting: None

(if applicable, insert date, location, and names of people participating in any scoping meeting, and a summary of the outcome of this meeting)

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

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PROJECT LEAD: Laurie Ford

PROPOSED ACTION: ADOT has proposed to conduct a state-funded rockfall containment project on northbound I-15 from mile post 12.8 to 13.2. All of the work proposed would take place on private land except BLM administered land is needed for a secondary helicopter landing zone. The primary helicopter landing location would be on adjoining private property. No ground-disturbing activities would take place on BLM administered land. Secondary helicopter landing zone on BLM would be just outside the I-15 right-of-way near the wilderness boundary but would not be within wilderness.

General project scope on private land: removing loose rocks/debris from the cut slope by means of scaling equipment, securing large sections of rock with bolts, drilling anchors to attach a containment system, and attaching that system in place with the aid of a helicopter. To ensure motorist safety, one northbound lane must be closed during most project activities. During some helicopter operations, full roadway closures would be necessary; closures would be limited to 15 minute durations. The anticipated construction season is Winter 2006 (after the holiday season) and is expected to last approximately 60 working days. Duration of temporary use permit would be six months.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona
T. 41 N., R. 14 W.,
sec. 30, SW1/4.
Containing 2.0 acres, more or less.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Arizona Strip District, Resource Management Plan, as amended. The proposed action *IS* in conformance with the RMP. Decision LR23 provides for the evaluation of land use authorizations on a case-by-case basis in accordance with RMP decisions and National Environmental Policy Act analysis.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action is categorically excluded under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E(19) which provides for issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.

The proposal has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply. Surname(s) verify completion of this review by appropriate specialists.

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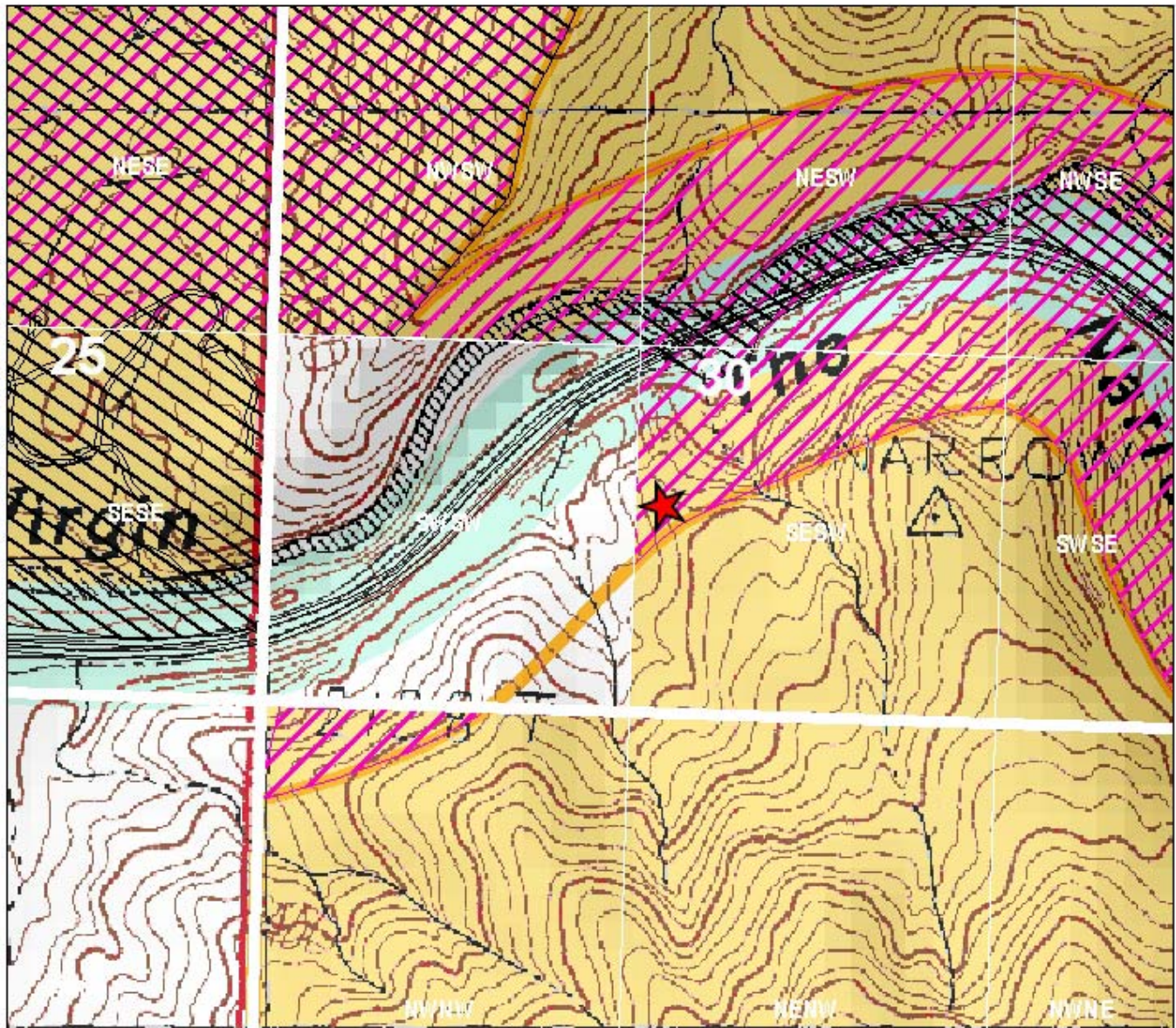
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| <u>LFord</u> | 1. The proposal would have no adverse effects on public health or safety: <i>Identify effect if any</i> |
| <u>TFolks</u> | 2. The proposal would not adversely affect unique geographic characteristics such as park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks: <i>Identify the area that would be affected if any</i> |
| <u>JHerron</u> | 3. The proposal would have no adverse effects on historic or cultural resources: <i>Identify effect if any</i> |
| <u>LFord</u> | 4. The proposal would have no highly controversial environmental effects: <i>Identify the effect if any</i> |
| <u>LFord</u> | 5. The proposal would have no highly uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects nor does it involve unique or unknown environmental risks: <i>Identify the effect if any</i> |
| <u>LFord</u> | 6. The proposal would not establish a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration with potentially significant environmental effects: <i>Identify the effect if any</i> |
| <u>LFord</u> | 7. The proposal is not directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects: <i>Identify the other actions and their effects if any</i> |
| <u>JHerron</u> | 8. The proposal would not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places: <i>Identify the effect if any</i> |
| <u>LHughes</u> | 9. The proposal would not adversely affect a plant species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: <i>Identify the species and effect if any</i> |
| <u>MHerder</u> | 10. The proposal would not adversely affect an animal species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: <i>Identify the species and effect if any</i> |
| <u>BSmith</u> | 11. The proposal would not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) or Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). <i>Identify the order and effect if any</i> |
| <u>MHerder</u> | 12. The proposal would not require compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act: <i>Identify the effect if any</i> |
| <u>GBenson</u> | 13. The proposal does not threaten to violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment: <i>Identify the law and effect if any</i> |
| <u>LFord</u> | 14. The proposal is in conformance with the Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, as amended. |

DECISION: We have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposal is in conformance with the approved land use plan, that it would have no significant environmental effects, and that no further environmental analysis is required.

REVIEWED BY: _____ DATE: _____
Environmental Coordinator - Arizona Strip

IT IS MY DECISION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL, AS DESCRIBED, ~~WITH THE STIPULATIONS IN THE ATTACHMENT.~~

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____
Field Manager - Arizona Strip



Legend

- == Interstate 15
- ACEC Proposed
- ACEC
- I-15 Right-of-Way
- Wilderness
- BLM Administered
- Private

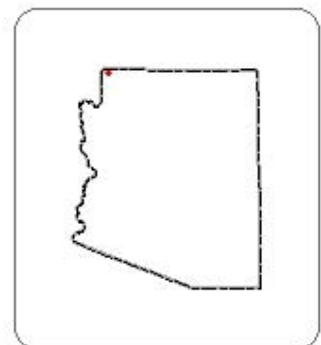
Proposed ADOT Rockfall Temporary Use Permit

G&SRM, T. 41 N., R. 14 W., sec. 30, SE1/4SW1/4.



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Map created on August 16, 2005



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